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## EDITORIALS

### NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL SESSIONS OF AMERICAN AND CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

**American Medical Association Is Scheduled  
to Hold Its 1946 Annual Session in San Francisco.**—At the meeting of the A.M.A. held in  
1940, its House of Delegates voted to hold the  
1943 meeting in San Francisco. However, trans-  
portation difficulties arose and prevented the an-  
nual conference in San Francisco in 1943. The  
House of Delegates then voted to hold the Annual  
Session of 1946 in San Francisco (the places of  
an A.M.A. Annual Session are voted on three  
years in advance).

If ample hotel and meeting room facilities can  
be made available for the American Medical  
Association, and provided, transportation diffi-  
culties will not interfere, it follows that the 1946  
A.M.A. Annual Session should be held in San  
Francisco.

The C.M.A. headquarters office, in conference  
with the San Francisco Convention Bureau, the  
municipal authorities who have charge of the  
auditoriums in the Civic Center, and the hotel  
managements, is taking active steps to arrange for  
all needed facilities of the 1946 A.M.A. meetings  
in San Francisco.

Already the hotel managements have gone on  
written record, stating they will place some 3,000  
rooms at the disposal of the convention authori-  
ties. The City authorities are coöperating to make  
available the number of auditoriums, section meet-  
ing rooms and exhibit spaces that will be needed.

In due course, the time of the A.M.A. Annual  
Session will be determined by the A.M.A.  
Trustees.

Newspaper dispatches of September 6, show-  
ing President Truman wearing a Shrine fez, in-  
dicate that the Mystic Shrine is also arranging  
for its next national conference in San Francisco.  
If transportation facilities can be made available  
to a fraternal and social organization for a large  
gathering in San Francisco next year, certainly  
it would appear that a scientific society such as  
the American Medical Association, many of  
whose members are still in military service, should  
be permitted to have transportation accommoda-  
tions to meetings at which topics of much value  
and interest in military and civil medicine will be  
discussed.

Particularly should such permission be granted

as an expression of appreciation to the more than fifty thousand medical officers in Army, Navy, and Air Forces, whose ability and ministrations have made possible the excellent morbidity and mortality rates in World War II, and through whose care the lives of thousands of Americans have been saved.

Unless very good reasons arise for other action, the California Medical Association is holding that the A.M.A. Session will convene in San Francisco, some time during the year 1946.

Apologizing of the above, the C.M.A. Council at its 328th meeting on August 12 took action as indicated in the following minute of proceedings:  
*A.M.A. Meeting in San Francisco in 1948:*

Discussion was had concerning the meeting of the American Medical Association which, by vote of the A.M.A. House of Delegates, is scheduled to be held in San Francisco some time during the year 1946. Because of war and transportation conditions, it was deemed advisable to give instructions to the C.M.A. delegates who would represent the California Medical Association at the next meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

On motion made and seconded, the following resolution, to be sent to the Trustees of the American Medical Association and to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, was approved:

WHEREAS, The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in previous annual sessions voted to hold an annual session of the American Medical Association in San Francisco in the year 1943, that decision, because of transportation difficulties incident to World War II, being changed by the A.M.A. Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The A.M.A. House of Delegates subsequently voted that the 1946 annual session of the American Medical Association should be held in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Existing transportation difficulties, if war continues, make it more than probable that the A.M.A. Trustees may again be called upon to waive the said decision for the A.M.A. meeting in San Francisco in 1946; and

WHEREAS, The 1947 meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Atlantic City, the year 1947 being the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, It would be proper that the twice-made decision of the House of Delegates to hold an annual session of the American Medical Association in San Francisco be reaffirmed; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Council of the California Medical Association respectively petitions the Trustees of the American Medical Association and the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association to vote to hold the 1948 annual session of the American Medical Association in the City of San Francisco, (if continuation of World War II makes a meeting in San Francisco in year 1946 impossible); and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the American Medical Association for transmittal respectively to the Trustees of the A.M.A. and the House of Delegates of the A.M.A.; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the eight delegates representing the California Medical Association in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association be instructed to make the proper presentation to the A.M.A. Trustees and to the A.M.A. House of Delegates.

And here the matter rests at date of this writing.

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**California Medical Association Will Hold Its 75th Annual Session in Los Angeles in Year 1946.**—At this year's annual session of the California Medical Association, held in May last, its House of Delegates accepted the Council's recommendation that next year's annual meetings be held in Los Angeles. Days of the conference (whether for a two, three or four day ses-

sion) will be decided by the Council at a later date. The dates of meetings will depend somewhat upon the time of meeting of the American Medical Association. The C.M.A. Council will aim to arrange the dates in a manner to promote the interests of the national as well as the state gatherings.

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In the meantime, members of the California Medical Association,—and this applies to members in military as well as those in civilian practice—are cordially invited to send suggestions of topics for scientific programs for C.M.A.'s thirteen scientific sections, or to submit to section officers, either through Section Secretaries, or through the Association Secretary (who is the chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work), titles of papers covering work or subjects in which they may have special interest. If such co-operation is given, assurance of good scientific programs may be guaranteed. The roster of officers of scientific sections, with addresses, appears in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, every second month or so, usually in the front section on page 4. Members who are in position to participate in next year's annual session program should write promptly to the Secretary of the proper Section.

In due time, additional information will be given concerning the A.M.A. and C.M.A. annual sessions of 1946.

## ON POSTWAR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR MILITARY COLLEAGUES

**Problems Confronting Military Colleagues on Their Return to Civil Practice.**—Now that VE and VJ days have come and gone, many physicians who are among the 60,000 or so who are in service with the Armed Forces are giving serious thought to plans on what they will do when they are released from military duty.

Older physicians, nearly all of whom have family dependents and responsibilities will naturally wish to reestablish themselves as promptly as possible in either the community in which they practiced before entering the Army or Navy, or perhaps in some newer or more rapidly growing district. Of these, nearly all, provided adequate educational facilities are made conveniently available, would prefer to take short or longer refresher or similar courses dealing with medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and allied branches.

The four Class A medical schools of California—University of California Medical School, Stanford University School of Medicine, University of Southern California School of Medicine, and College of Medical Evangelists, have here a definite responsibility, since many of the 2,000 military members of the California Medical Association will instinctively turn first to these institutions to ask what postwar refresher or other courses are being offered, particularly for general practitioners. The hope is expressed that the executive boards of the four California Medical Schools will carry on conferences through which